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SUBJECT: PIKE COMMITTEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. MAW, MCCLOSKEY, HYLAND AND I WILL BE SENDING YOU BY SEPTEL A FULL RUN-DOWN ON THE DAY'S EVENTS AS THEY RELATE TO THE PIKE COMMITTEE. IN THE INTERIM, LET ME BRIEFLY REPORT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S SESSIONS:

(A) THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NOT ACTED REPEAT ACTED AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S NOVEMBER 3 ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO THE PRESS BY HYLAND IN A PRESS BRIEFING TODAY, AND HAS BEEN SUPPORTED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY PHIL BUCHEN FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. I HAVE TALKED TO SCOWCROFT AND HE ASSURES ME THAT IF QUESTIONED PRESS CONTACTS IN PARIS WILL MAKE THE SAME POINT. I MUST TELL YOU, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE DOCUMENTS ON WHITE HOUSE STATIONERY BEARING YOUR NAME WHICH HAVE GONE TO THE PRESI-
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DENT SINCE NOVEMBER 3. IN NO CASE TO MY KNOWLEDGE DID YOU

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SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS BUT THEY DO CREATE A MINOR EMBARRASS-
MENT. WE WILL GO INTO MORE DETAIL ON THIS IN THE SEPTEL

BUT I EMPHASIZE THAT YOU MUST STAY WITH THE LINE THAT YOU
HAVE NOT "ACTED"AS ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT SINCE
NOVEMBER 3.

(B) THE WHITE HOUSE NOW HAS COME TO UNDERSTAND THE DISTINC-
TION BETWEEN THE SUBPOENA ISSUED TO YOU AS SECRETARY OF
STATE AND THE TWO SUBPOENAS ISSUED TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT OR HIS SUBORDINATE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. EFFORTS
ARE PROCEEDING APACE TO SEE HOW WE CAN IMPROVE COMPLIANCE
WITH THE TWO WHITE HOUSE SUBPOENAS.

(C) IN A CONVERSATION WITH DAVE TREEN TODAY, WHO WILL BE
SUBMITTING A MINORITY REPORT, HE EMPHASIZED STRONGLY THAT
THE PUBLIC LINE YOU AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE IS THE
SAME LINE YOU TOOK BEFORE THE PASSMAN HEARING YESTERDAY,
NAMELY THAT IT IS THE NATIONAL INTEREST THAT MUST BE
CONSIDERED AND WE, AS A NATION, OUGHT TO BE THINKING ABOUT
HOW MUCH LONGER WE WILL CONTINUE TO TORMENT OURSELVES.

2. FURTHER EXPLANATION, ELABORATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR FUTURE ACTION WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. INGERSOLL

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